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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 332

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"AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER COMPUTER EQUIPMENT LEASES."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Section 52-570c of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):
- 5 (a) No person shall use a machine that electronically transmits
- 6 facsimiles through connection with a telephone network or a device
- 7 that automatically transmits a recorded telephone message to transmit
- 8 unsolicited advertising material or an unsolicited telephone message
- 9 which offers to sell goods or services.
- 10 (b) (1) No person shall send unsolicited advertising material by

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11 electronic mail, or cause such material to be sent by electronic mail, to

- 12 <u>an electronic mail address held by a resident of this state unless: (A)</u>
- 13 Such person identifies in the electronic mail a toll-free telephone
- 14 <u>number or a valid return electronic mail address that the recipient may</u>
- 15 <u>use to unsubscribe or otherwise notify the sender to not send any</u>
- 16 <u>further unsolicited electronic mail, and (B) the subject line begins with</u>
- 17 the letters "ADV".
- 18 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
- 19 subsection, no person or entity shall send by electronic mail, or cause
- 20 to be sent by electronic mail, unsolicited advertising material upon
- 21 <u>notification by a recipient of such recipient's request to not receive any</u>
- 22 further such material.
- 23 (3) For purposes of this subsection, (A) "person" does not include an
- 24 electronic mail service provider, as defined in section 53-451, or an
- 25 <u>Internet access provider, (B) "Internet access provider" means a person</u>
- 26 who provides underlying network facilities utilized in the
- 27 transmission of Internet services, and (C) electronic mail has
- 28 "unsolicited advertising material" if it includes an advertisement for
- 29 products or services and is sent without the consent of the recipient by
- 30 <u>a person with whom the recipient does not have an established</u>
- 31 <u>business relationship, and electronic mail does not have "unsolicited</u>
- 32 <u>advertising material</u>" if the sender has the consent of the recipient to
- 33 send such mail to the receiver, or if the sender has a prior or existing
- 34 <u>business relationship formed by voluntary communication between</u>
- 35 the sender and the recipient with or without an exchange of
- 36 consideration, in response to the recipient's inquiry about, application
- for, purchase of or use of products or services offered by the sender.
- 38 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to tax-exempt
- 39 nonprofit organizations or to political or candidate committees or
- 40 <u>candidates or solicitors, as defined in chapter 150.</u>
- 41 [(b)] (d) Any person aggrieved by a violation of the provisions of
- 42 [subsection (a) of] this section may bring a civil action in the Superior

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43 Court to enjoin further violations [and to recover the actual damages sustained by reason of such violation, together with costs and a 44 reasonable attorney's fee, or two] and for five hundred dollars [, 45 whichever is greater] for each violation, together with costs and a 46 47 reasonable attorney's fee. No such action shall be brought but within 48 two years from the date of the act complained of. For purposes of this 49 subsection, each electronic mail sent in violation of subsection (b) of 50 this section constitutes a separate and distinct violation."